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Call now for Missouri Southern

University airing infomercial on local television to attract prospective students

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Executive Editor

As seen on TV, Missouri Southern has the cheapest tuition in the state and a new recruiting tool.

Rod Surber, director of public information, said Southern started developing an idea to make an infomercial in November 2003. Surber said the idea came from University President Julio León.

"It was something he felt was important to get the message out more thoroughly," Surber said. "It's something you don't see other institutions doing, so it's something new and different."

Surber said the infomercial cost approximately $500 to make because it was made in-house.

Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services, said he did research on infomercials before Southern's was made. He found most infomercials would cost several thousand dollars to make.

Dr. Julio León
University President

León said the cost to make the infomercial is minimal compared to the message that is sent out.

"Compare a 30-second commercial with the possibility of somebody seeing five or six minutes of this infomercial, granted it won't be at the same time," León said. "But it is the only way in which we could economically do it, for one, and secondly, it affords the opportunity to get the institution shown."

The infomercial is being shown in northwest Arkansas, Springfield, Joplin southeast Kansas and northeast Oklahoma, the University's service areas. These areas were picked because students in these areas do not know a lot about the University.

"It's amazing to me the number of people in Springfield. When you say Missouri Southern, [people] don't even know where we

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Gov. Holden commissions new member

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Executive Editor

Gov. Bob Holden did not have to look far from Joplin for a new Board of Governors member.

David Ansley, a 1970 graduate from Missouri Southern and an attorney in Springfield, has been named by Holden as the new governor for the Board. Ansley said he received a telephone call and was asked if he would serve if he was confirmed, and he said, "Yes."

"I'm honored and flattered by the appointment," Ansley said. "It's kind of a homecoming for me, because I'm a graduate of Missouri Southern."

Dr. Charles McGinty, Board president, said Ansley was a good choice for the position left vacant by Glenn Wilson, whose term ended in 2003.

David Ansley
Board Member

"He is interested in higher education and is interested in serving (on the Board)," McGinty said. "We're fortunate to have an outstanding member."

McGinty said the reason Holden went outside of Jasper and Newton Counties to select a new governor is because of new legislation and the fact that there were too many governors from Newton County.

"The legislature opened up the geographic area to find new Board of Governors members," Ansley said.

Ansley said the choice had to be from the Democratic Party, so the board would be balanced. Since he is a Democrat and an alumnus from the University, he was a good choice.

University President Julio León said Ansley is excited about serving on the Board. León said Ansley is a good choice for two reasons: one,

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TRACK GOO

Andy Tevis/The Chart

John Carlson, left, and Mike Reilly of Beynon Sports Surfaces pour the second of two base layers for the new track. The final layer will be a texture made of red-colored rubber granules. The process will take a few additional weeks to complete.

Student Senate prepares for upcoming elections

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

With only one business meeting left for the semester, Student Senate is winding down for elections.

Senate officer elections are April 12 and 13. Senators have until Monday to turn in their petition to the Student Services office in order to be placed on the ballot for an officer position.

"I would strongly encourage all student senators eligible for a position to turn in their petition," said Zack Odem, Senate president.

A senator must be on Senate for two semesters before applying for the vice president or president position. Odem cannot be elected again as he is graduating in the Spring.

"[It is] important for Southern to get strong leaders that are representative all over the campus," Odem said.

He said the Senate should not be over-representative of any one group on campus, nor should it be lacking in any representation.

Odem said part of the reason for the equal representation is Senate's allocation budget of $30,000.

Senate has $3,599 left for the last meeting of the semester.

During the March 31 meeting, Senate allocated $1,000 for the Respiratory Therapy Club.

During the March 24 meeting, Senate allocated $1,000 for the Spanish Club. The organization will be attending "Fiesta" in San Antonio April 23-25. The Collegiate Middle Level Association received $768 for an annual board meeting in Columbus, Ohio

Josh Doak, co-adviser to Senate, reminded the Senators during the March 31 to look at the recreation center survey.

Five organizations have been recognized for the last business meeting. Doak and Odem said organizations can not ask for requests after the last meeting. Senate officers will be sworn in during the Senate's annual picnic April 14.

A two-vehicle collision occurred March 2 at the intersection of Newman Road and Southern View Drive.

File Photo

Campus discusses recent accidents

BY MONIQUE JAMERSON
Staff Writer

Sounds of tires screeching, sights of metal folding and glass breaking turn the heads of Missouri Southern students.

These are the sights and sounds of car accidents that have taken place at the Southern View Drive and Newman Road intersection.

Two car accidents have been counted this year involving students.

Nate Moore, senior criminal justice major, said he thinks the intersection is very dangerous.

"I have seen one this semester that was pretty severe and several more the five years I have been here," Moore said.

Moore said the other accidents that he has seen at that intersection have been T-bones.

"I see people trying to go directly across the street to the criminal justice building," Moore said.

A few of the accidents Moore has seen have been minor accidents.

Moore said the problem may taper off if people turned right at the intersection.

Officer Joe Kowis of the Joplin Police Department said he believes the problem comes from people following too close behind and going too fast.

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SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
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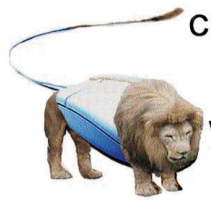

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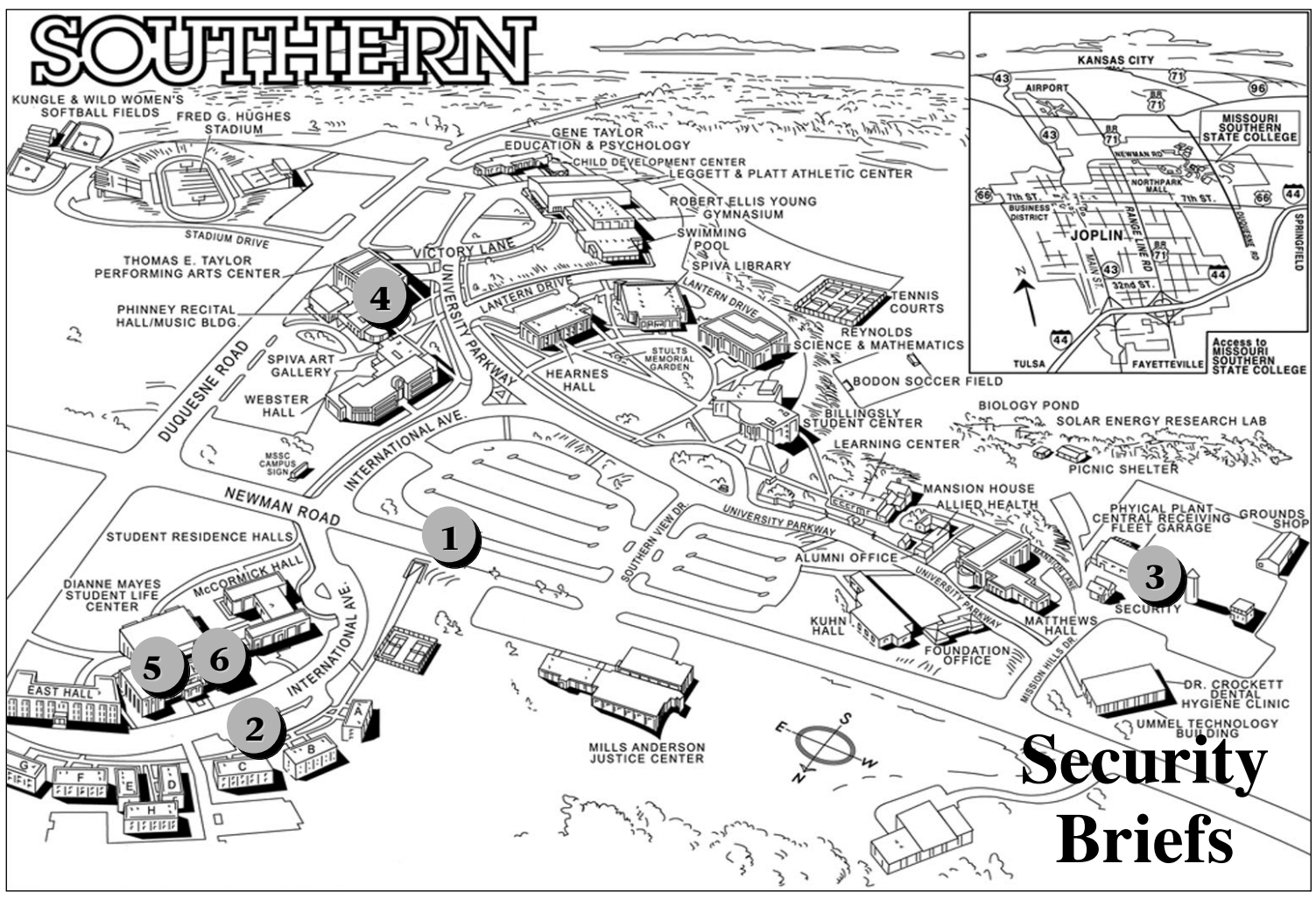
Question of the week:
Who will win the men's NCAA basketball championship?



Security Briefs

Intoxicated subject attempts to flee from scene after drive through tunnel

1 Vehicle Accident

3/8/2004

9:20 p.m.

Security was notified that a vehicle was driving "careless and imprudent." When security arrived on the scene the vehicle was in the walking tunnel attempting to back out.

After the vehicle left the tunnel, security asked the driver if he had been drinking, and he stated that he had. The driver started to walk away after he was informed that JPD was on its way. Security grabbed his hand and the subject lost his footing and fell.

The driver was arrested and the only damage was scratches to the tunnel wall and to the car.

2 Information

3/9/2004

9 p.m.

Security was called to Blaine Hall by an SA who stated a person or persons unknown had been vandalizing his car.

The person(s) had been spitting on his vehicle and tampering with his gas cap. The SA advised the spitting seemed to be happening approximately twice a week.

3 Property Destruction

3/22/2004

9 p.m.

Security noticed four pellet gun holes were in the windshield of a patrol vehicle when security returned on March 22.

The shots were all on the driver's side, and the damage was not there upon security's departure on March 19. There is no known time or date of damage.

4 Information

3/27/2004

2 p.m.

Security was notified by a theatre instructor who, while removing the orchestra pit cover found there was termite damage on the left side of the stage facing the auditorium.

The damage is to a wall casing in the stairs.

5 Drug Law Violation

3/28/2004

6 p.m.

Security received a call from the on-duty SA in reference to finding drug paraphernalia in a residence hall along with some alcoholic beverage cans and bottles.

Further investigation revealed a small quantity of marijuana seeds and ashes lying in a dish. JPD was notified and responded to the scene. All items found were turned over to JPD. The subject was not present, but later returned and was arrested.

6 Drug Law Violation

3/28/2004

4:25 p.m.

Security was notified by a student in Blaine Hall about a subject who had a large amount of marijuana hidden in his room.

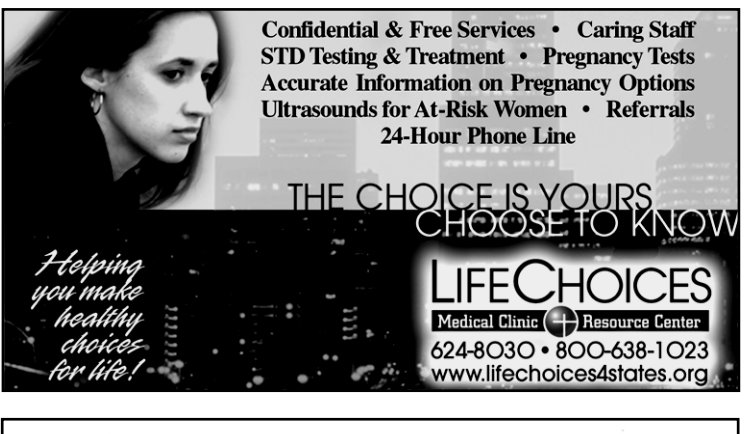
At that time security notified the SA, who took security to the room where the drugs were supposedly hidden.

Upon searching the room security "stumbled upon" a lock box in the corner of the room.

JPD was notified and used a K-9 dog to check the box for drug paraphernalia.

The dog "hit" upon the box, and JPD took the item into custody.

Security briefs are compiled from Missouri Southern Department of Public Safety reports.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Campus Calendar

Jazz orchestra hosts saxophonist for annual spring swing concert

The Missouri Southern Jazz Orchestra, under the direction of Phillip Wise, head of the music department, will perform at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday in Webster Hall auditorium.

The orchestra is an 18-member jazz ensemble that is grounded in traditional swing music. The Count Basie Band, Duke Ellington Orchestra, Woody Herman Herds and Clark Terry Big Band is the basis of the orchestra's literature.

The orchestra also performs new and contemporary literature.

The Tuesday night concert is entitled "Something Old-Something New" and features Dr. Carl W. Knox on saxophone. Knox is currently serving as the director of jazz studies at Central Connecticut State University. He has also served on the faculty of the Clark Terry Summer Jazz Institute. Knox has performed with jazz artists that include Doc Severinsen, Bobby Shew, Branford Marsalis and Mel Torme.

Concert selections include "Take the 'A' Train," "Moonlight Serenade," "My Old Flame" and "Shell Game." Knox will be featured on "Naima," "On Green Dolphin Street," "Winelight" and "Meet the Flintstones."

The concert is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6 p.m, and limited seating is available.

Four senior art students hold reception for senior art exhibit

Four Missouri Southern senior art students will hold the opening reception for their Senior Art Exhibit from 1-4 p.m., April 10 at the Spiva Art Gallery.

Scott Campbell, senior studio art and graphic communications major; Donna Culp, senior art education major; Ben Ertel, senior studio art major; and Desara Short, senior graphic communications major, are the exhibitors.

The exhibit, which runs from April 10-16, is one of several planned for the spring semester by art students in their final year of study.

The exhibit will feature a variety of techniques and media the students have studied at Southern.

This includes paintings, drawings, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, digital images and graphic design.

For information on this exhibit or on the other student exhibits, contact the art department and/or Spiva Art Gallery at 625-9563.

KGCS shows Cardinals games, schedules available in studio

KGCS will once again air telecasts from the St. Louis Cardinals baseball games this season.

A total of 38 regular-season games will be featured, primarily on Saturdays and Sundays.

Schedules showing the televised games and season pocket schedules are available for pick-up at KGCS in the Communications Department on the ground floor of Webster Hall.

Persons wishing to have schedules mailed to them may send in a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: KGCS-TV, Missouri Southern State University, 3950 E. Newman Road, Joplin, Mo. 64801.

KGCS airs on Joplin/Webb City cable channel 7 and UHF channel 57.

It may also be seen on other area cable providers. For information, contact Judy Stiles at 625-9777.

Lifetime sports academy accepts applications for summer camp

Applications are being accepted for the Children's Lifetime Sports Academy sponsored annually by the Missouri Southern department of kinesiology. The academy will be held from 12:30 to 5 p.m., June 7-10. All children, ages 7-12, are welcome to attend.

The goal of the academy is to teach the skills and to promote the appreciation of selected activities that can be played for fun, health and fitness throughout life. Activities include golf, bowling, fishing, racquet sports, Frisbee and rhythms.

Pat Lipira, department head of kinesiology, is giving children and grandchildren of Southern faculty and staff a $10 discount. The discounted fee of $55 per child covers the four days of instruction, use of facilities and equipment, insurance and a T-shirt. For application forms and additional information, contact the department of kinesiology at 625-9316.

Russian film banned in USSR set as final movie in film festival

The next installment in the international film festival is *The Red and the White.* The film was banned from the USSR for many years.

The film is set in central Russia during the 1918 Civil War.

The film begins at 7:30 p.m. in Matthews Hall Auditorium. For information about the film festival, call 625-9614.

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Instructors look to memorialize lost alumna

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Executive Editor

Remembrance of loved ones always starts with the heart, and the heart of Missouri Southern goes out to one of its alumni.

On March 6, Southern alumna Melanie Cox died from results of a vehicle accident. Cox, a May 2003 graduate, was named as the outstanding honors student at the time of her graduation and was considered to be a "dear and special friend" to the honors program and honors program director, Dr. Pat Kluthe.

Kluthe said she knew Cox when she worked in the honors office her freshman year, and she went to India with Cox in 2000. Six instructors who went to India with Cox are donating money in her name to the Henry Martyn Institute.

The idea for the memorial came from the faculty members who went to India with Cox, who were "shocked and dismayed" by her death.

"They suggested that we put together a memorial for her in India," Kluthe said.

"I began to think that's good and we should do that. But then I wanted something local as well. There were so many that loved her and worked with her."

She said she sent out an e-mail to last year's honors alumni and those who are in the program now about the memorial and if they would contribute to it.

Kluthe said the response to her e-mail was good.

"I have had a number of students inquire and a number of contributions," she said. "What we're going to do is send out another reminder, because I had students say to me 'Wait until payday.' We'll send out another reminder, and once we collect all that we think there will be, then we will talk about that (the memorial)."

The kind of memorial that is being looked at is either a tree with a plaque on campus, or, if there is more money, then there might be a grove of trees. She said the memorial will go up by the end of the year.

Dr. William Kumbier, professor of English, is heading up the contributions to HMI.

Kumbier said although Cox did not know about HMI when she went to India, he believes this is an institute that she would have believed in.

"Melanie was the kind of person that she was very interested in human relations and reaching out to people," Kumbier said. "She was very interested in children and helping them. We just thought that this institute brought a lot of the kinds of things she believed in together."

The institute is located in Hyderabad and has a general aim of unifying people of different faiths and religions.

It also provides children of servants an education, as well as providing after-school training for teenagers of Hindu and Muslim faiths to learn some skill.

For information about the memorial on campus call Kluthe at 625-9748, or for the contributions in India, call Kumbier at 625-9639.

Election sees staff running for office

BY T.J. GERLACH
Managing Editor

Four people are running for two general seats on Joplin's City Council. Missouri Southern's Bob Harrington is one of them.

Harrington, director of the physical plant, chose to run around December or January.

"I knew the election was coming up," Harrington said. "I thought I'd like to get involved with it. Several people in the community said I should run for it. So I decided it was worth a shot."

Before putting his name in, Harrington wanted to get the OK with University President Julio León.

Harrington has lived in Joplin for 25 years. In that time, he worked as facility manager at St. John's Regional Medical Center for 20 years, and the last five years he has been at Southern.

"I have been very active in the community," Harrington said.

He said he has served with most of the civic organizations in Joplin, including the United Way, The Ronald McDonald House and the historical society. He has also sat on the boards of several of these organizations.

Harrington also has served on two major task forces for the City of Joplin. He chaired the task force that dealt with Memorial Hall and he served on the sales tax proposal task force.

"They (city officials) know me to be honest, hard-working and able to get the job done," Harrington said.

He said he has received "quite a bit" of community support. He has raised approximately $2,800 for his campaign from contributions.

For his campaign, Harrington has met with several civic groups and organizations. He has also attended functions held by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce "to talk to people."

"I've been very encouraged with it (campaigning)," Harrington said.

He said the people he has talked to on campus have been supportive, but he has not asked the University or anyone at the University to help him with his campaign.

He said he has also attended two public candidate forums. The first was with the Southwest Missouri Rental Housing Association. He said the association gave the candidates an opportunity to speak then asked them questions that were a concern to the association.

The second forum was held March 23 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Judy Stiles, general manager of KGCS, moderated. The forum was broadcast on KGCS.

The other candidates are incumbent Councilman Jim

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Stately Visit

Nancy Hight-Morris/The Chart

Secretary of State Matt Blunt speaks with Steve and Rosemarie Looney following his meet-and-greet session March 29 in Webster Hall auditorium.

Mo. Secretary of State visits Southern for meet-and-greet

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

Joplin resident Steve Looney wants to do everything he can to help Missouri Secretary of State Matt Blunt become governor in November.

Although he's confined to a wheelchair he's still willing to work hard for the Republican candidate.

"I'm a die-hard Republican," Looney said. "I want to see him get elected."

Looney's first step in helping Blunt's campaign was to meet him in person, and he had that opportunity at Missouri Southern.

On March 29, the Southern College Republicans sponsored a visit by the secretary of state for an informal meet-and-greet session with guests.

"I wanted to get his views," Looney said. "Being disabled, I wanted to see if he could help me."

Blunt spent time talking about several issues including the economy, education and local businesses.

"We have to make sure our state is competitive in a global economy," Blunt said. "We have to advocate free and fair trade."

Blunt said he's going to base a majority of his campaign on education and how vital it is for Missourians.

"I think our education should be the most important thing that our government funds," he said.

"I'm going to make education the No. 1 policy."

Matt Hite, chairman of the College Republicans, said he was pleased to have the secretary of state speak at Southern. He knew Blunt has a tight schedule.

"It's a good opportunity for people our age to hear who he is and know what he's about," Hite said. "It's important to hear his message."

Nancy Hight-Morris/The Chart

Approximately 10 people attended the session with Blunt. Most of those who came were Southern faculty or members of the community.

About 10 people attended the session.

Most were Southern faculty and community members. Hite said he was disappointed about the turnout.

"It was a bad time in the afternoon," Hite said.

"It was either this time or in June."

Although the attendance was less than what Hite was hoping for, he still said he was optimistic about the session.

"Hopefully, the people here got to learn something," Hite said.

University readies for outstanding nominations

BY JESSICA MACINTOSH
Online Editor

Outstanding Teacher Award nomination forms are in.

Starting April 1, students, faculty and staff can start nominating instructors for the award by picking up a form at several locations on campus.

"The first award was given out in 1980," said Julie Vestal, secretary to the interim vice president for academic affairs.

Vestal said when Missouri Southern started giving out the award, an outstanding teacher award and an outstanding teacher of a freshmen class award were given out.

"But after 1991, we just stopped and combined the two awards," she said. "So there is one award but two recipients."

For instructors to be eligible, they must be full-time, must be teaching at least six credit hours per semester and must have completed three years of employment at Southern.

The winning instructors receive $1,000, which the Foundation provides.

A panel of six past winners makes up the committee who decides the recipients of the award. Vestal said the nomination forms are placed in folders for each instructor who is nominated.

"The committee comes in and looks over the nomination forms," she said. "They meet as a committee, and they make a selection."

Vestal said the process of deciding the winners takes about one month. She said the committee is notified about mid-April.

"We generally try to have everything done by the end of April so that public information has a chance to get the plaques made," Vestal said.

The award will be announced at commencement on May 15.

Dr. Laura Adkins, assistant professor of mathematics, has served on the committee for three years and won the Outstanding Teacher Award for 2000-2001.

"I was excited," Adkins said. "I felt like Miss America."

Adkins said excellence in teaching and the number of nominations over the years is some of the qualifications she looks for when deciding on a winner.

She said it is difficult to pick a winner.

"Some years are harder than others," she said.

She said the award is a good idea.

"It is one way for students to recognize teaching efforts," Adkins said. "It makes them (instructors) feel valued. It's a way to give back and show regard."

For information, call Vestal at 625-9394 or Dr. Betsy Griffin, interim vice president for academic affairs.

The deadline for the nomination forms is April 16.

Where to pick up nomination forms:

BUILDING	ROOM
Matthews	223 & 302
BSC	222 & 211
Reynolds	210
Hearnes	200
Art	214
Taylor Hall	232 & 206
Leggett & Platt	212
Kuhn	210A
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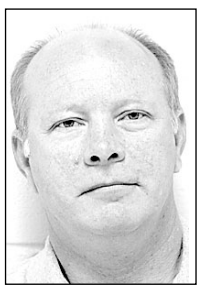
Editor's Column

'Old guy' can still run with the kids



Russ Hagerman
Sports Editor

Road trips afford participants the opportunity to fellowship. Whether short or long, the destination really isn't the end to a means. The trip itself is the means to an end.

Everything and anything can, and to some extent does, happen during the trip. A trip across the pond (a sailor's expression for an ocean trip) just magnifies the emotional state of the traveler.

I found my theories on travel to be poignantly true on a recent trip to Paris. I did, however, find an exception to one thing. Traveling with several age groups and positions from Missouri Southern was opposite from how I imagined the trip to be. Generational gaps tend to draw tension and grade-school awkwardness to those involved. Not so on this trip.

The traditional-aged students I traveled with proved to be more mature and stable in their attitudes than I dared to hope for. Of course, there was the one or two who proved the medical finding that the frontal lobes of the young aren't developed fully. That is another story for another time.

Five traditional-age students in particular welcomed me as an equal into their fold for the duration of the trip. Now that could have been due to the faculty making it mandatory that everyone accepts everyone. However, I can safely say it wasn't the case.

Europe was a place I visited 25 years ago. I was looking forward to some of the aspects of the trip. My attitude and thoughts were transformed back to my youth, my glory days in the Navy. I was 20 years old again, even if for a little while.

Then the reality of physical age set in, my knees gave out, so back to the hotel for an ice pack.

Yet those young people, instead of making fun of the "old guy" they came by the room and asked how I was doing, then asked me to join them later for a drink or two.

A trip across the pond proved by a group of young people in Paris for a week what the young people on this campus and across the nation are about. In four years here, I have found the generational gap not to be so wide and deep that it was believed to be by so many.

As the younger generation may or may not realize, they have been narrowing the gap and making the chasm not so deep.

Over the years, the next generation to lead society has changed the views of some from my generation.

With my thanks to five special young people, I was 20 years old again.

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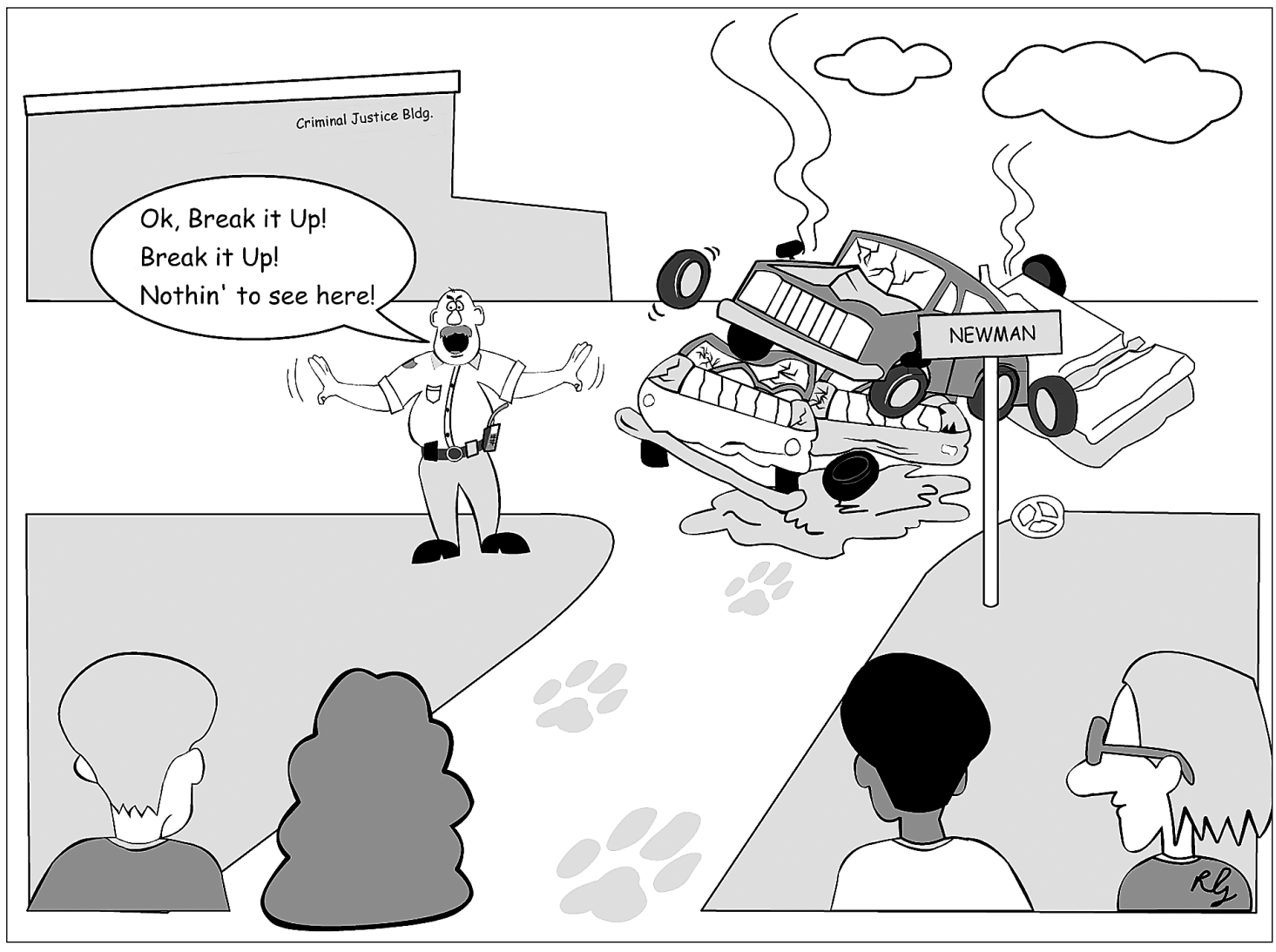


Poor drivers cause wrecks

Chart Opinion

It seems when one intersection becomes safe another becomes a hazard. That is certainly true for the intersections on Newman Road.

First, it was the crosswalk situation with too many pedestrians being run down. Now it is the intersection of Southern View Drive and Newman with too many vehicles being run down. Nothing has been done about the excessive accidents at this location. Should Missouri Southern do something about this? Or should the University allow this problem to persist until there is a serious enough accident that hospitalizes a person or results in death?

We believe this problem needs to be addressed before it gets out of hand. How does one fix such a problem? Stop lights? Maybe. But aren't there enough stop lights on Newman Road as it is?

We believe drivers need to pay more attention when they are pulling out of the campus or while driving down Newman Road. Learning to take control of one's driving is as essential as learning to tie one's shoes. It does not make sense to just pull out of the campus onto a busy roadway without looking.

If one is talking on the phone, hang up. Your life is more important than finding out what happened after you left the party last night.

Take responsibility. This is a university; this is not high school. The University cannot fix all the intersections around campus because some students decided they are in too big of a hurry to get home and watch soap operas than pay attention to their driving.

Campus Voice **BY JESSICA MACINTOSH**

Is Newman, Southern View intersection unsafe?

"It creates a lot of traffic. I think they could put a roundabout. They have a lot of that in Europe."

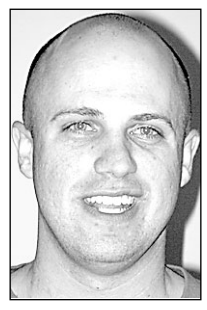
Geir Ottar Askvik
Junior
Business Administration
Major

"The slope of the road is really bad. I think they should reduce the speed ... after Matthews Hall. They need better markings on the streets. People need to be aware it is a dangerous intersection."

Markus Andersson
Senior
Marketing
Major

"I think it's dangerous. You can't see anything because of the slope."

Marie-Pierre Astry
Senior
Marketing
Major



"I think it is. They need to put a regulatory sign or lower the speed limit."

Quinton Brooks
Freshman
General Business
Major

"That would be dangerous. I zipped through there."

Doug Harder
Freshman
Theatre
Major

In Perspective

Bulk up your brainpower with Mozart, no exercise required

Dr. Al Carnine
Professor of Music

College students saw a significant increase in their spatial scores on the Stanford-Binet I.Q. Test after listening to just 10 minutes of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Sonata for Two Pianos in D Major" (K.448).

This is the result of research done in the 1990s by Frances H. Rauscher and Gordon Shaw at the Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory, University of California at Irvine.

Although this leap in their spatial reasoning scores was short-lived, it indicated that simply listening to music can make a difference.

Other research has also supported this view.

Today, the cumulative knowledge in this area has become known as "The Mozart Effect." This has resulted in a book by the same name authored by Don Campbell and published by Avon Books.

Although this tome is a collection of most of the known studies concerning the effect of music on people, it seems that the highest level of achievement is directly related to classical music, especially the music of Mozart.

The music of Mozart has long been considered the most perfect music ever composed. Mozart was probably the greatest child prodigy in music history.

As a composer, his first draft of a musical composition was usually his final draft and, more often than not, considered a masterpiece. (If only I could have done that in English composition …)

The question arises then as to why his works tend to affect us more than any other composer.

The answer is unknown, but the best educated guess is that the brain, upon hearing this "perfect" music, tries to make a quantum leap in order to understand it. I realize that this sounds like science fiction; nevertheless, the results speak for themselves.

I'm sure some of you have heard of other experiments with music. Yes, cows do tend to produce more milk when hearing classical music as opposed to any other kind of music.

And yes, even plant growth has been positively affected in the presence of classical music.

For humans, the one group that should benefit the most from all of these findings should be those who dedicate themselves to the study of music.

The College Entrance Exam Board reported in 1996 that high school students who studied music scored higher on both the verbal and math portions of the SAT than non-music students. College music majors also enjoy an advantage.

In the February 1994 issue of *Phi Delta Kappan*, Lewis Thomas noted that in a study of medical school applicants 66 percent of the music majors who applied were admitted, the highest percentage of any group.

Only 44 percent of biochemistry majors were admitted. ("Who can explain it? Who can tell you why?"—*South Pacific*)

So what am I trying to say in all of this? We have an opportunity to better ourselves both intellectually (I.Q.) and with a higher quality of life. Call the music department (625-9318) to get on the concert mailing list.

Attend the International Piano Competition in late April. Also, preset one of your car radio stations to 88.7 FM. Listen to it a few minutes a day as you drive to the campus.

General Manager Jeff Skibbe has done a wonderful job of providing us with some of the best classical music available. What an easy way to improve yourself. Just listen to bulk up your brainpower. (Physical exercise and dieting are not necessary.)

Dr. Al Carnine is a professor of music for Missouri Southern. His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of The Chart *staff or the University.*

Dept. awards majors' work

Ceremony to be held for students

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Several juniors and seniors have something else to talk about in a foreign language.

Dr. Tatiana Karmanova
Director of Foreign Language Lab

Students who are minoring or majoring in a foreign language and have completed at least one upper division class in that language will receive an award for their efforts.

The first award is a certificate of accomplishment.

The second award is the scholarship, which goes along with the foreign language minor and major.

Minors receive $250 a semester, and majors receive $500 a semester.

There are several other qualications, however. Students must have a 3.0 grade-point average in their language and a 2.5 GPA overall.

A ceremony honoring the award recipients will be from 2-4 p.m. Friday in the Conner Ballroom in Billingsly Student Center.

"These students, are first of all, the cutting edge of the international mission," said Dr. Tatiana Karminova, director of the Language Resource Center.

The award ceremony is in its fifth year, but this year is the first year in which Phi Sigma Iota, the foreign language honor society, will induct members into its organization.

Also, the outstanding graduating foreign language student will be recognized.

Karminova said the ceremony says much about Missouri Southern.

"We are the best institution in the area to study a foreign language," she said. "The parents should be proud."

Jerry Edwards, instructor of Spanish, is working with the PSI segment of the ceremony.

"If they (students) choose to do so, they can go on and do more productive things with that language," Edwards said.

The requirements for the organization are the same as the requirements for the foreign language awards.

Edwards said it is important for students to have completed the higher-level (300-499) classes of their language before they are inducted because it is around that level in which fluency begins.

"When you can discover fluency, foreign language becomes fun," he said.

"They will understand the people (who speak that language) and their world view."

Around 50 students said they would come to the ceremony as of March 30.

University President Julio León will speak during the first of the session.

"We are proud of these students because it has taken a lot of effort to get past this point," Edwards said.

The awards come from the department of communications and foriegn languages.

Students were allowed to reserve seats for friends and family members.

Special to The Chart

Several items will be raffled off at the Art League sale May 7. Among them are a Jay Terser electric guitar (top left), a Thermos 35,000 Btu propane grill (top right), a watercolor painting by Jim Bray, professor of art (bottom left), and a landscape done by Nick Kyle, associate professor of art, (bottom right). Also available are two $25 Wal-Mart gift certificates also in the raffle.

Sweden students hold artwork raffle

BY RUSS HAGERMAN
Sports Editor

Students are holding a raffle to get closer to Sweden.

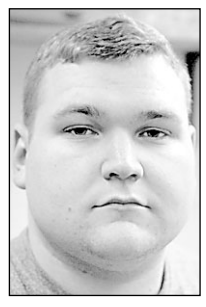
Ten students and one instructor, Dewane Hughes, assistant professor of art, will travel to Sweden May 16 and return during the first week in July.

Six college credits are awarded for the six weeks the students are in Sweden. Along with the academics, they will visit London, Stockholm and Copenhagen. The students will be housed in dorm rooms at the Mullsjo Folkhogskola, which is similar to a college.

Justin Shaw, senior studio art major, is looking forward to seeing Sweden.

"So many of our roots are in Europe," Shaw said.

"All artistic stuff comes from there anyway, it is nice to see it where there is more emphasis."



Justin Shaw
Senior Studio Art Major

The trip is funded partially by a K.L. Hyde grant and partially by the students. Costs for the trip are approximately $5,000 with the grant carrying $1,600 of the cost.

The raffle will cover the remainder of the cost at approximately $3,400.

Prizes for the raffle are two paintings, a 19 inches by 26 inches watercolor by Jim Bray, professor of art, and a 16 inches by 20 inches watercolor by Nicholas Kyle, associate professor of art.

There is also a Jay Terser electric guitar donated by Hughes, a Thermos 35,000 Btu propane barbecue grill from Home Depot and two $25 gift certificates from Wal-Mart.

Brandon Nepote, sophomore, studio art major, said he is looking to gain a better knowledge of where good art comes from.

"I've been here two years and notice they been having these trips. I watched the picture shows in the gallery and decided to go," Nepote said.

Shaw said he is hoping to go on to graduate school and thinks the trip will inspire and make him fresh in his field.

"It is nice to be and work in that environment," he said.

The raffle will be held until the drawing at the spring Art League sale on May 7. The items will be on display before and during the raffle.

Tickets may be purchased from Shaw or the other members of the group going.

Costa Rica

Take

General Biology or Economic Botany & Kine 101 (hiking) in Costa Rica

May 27 - June 26

- Class lectures and laboratories Monday through Wednesday at the Institute of Technology of Costa Rica.
- Field trips Thursday through Sunday to the Irazu Volcano, Manuel Antonio National Park, Arenal Volcano & Hot Springs, La Fortuna Waterfall, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Lankester Orchid Gardens, a butterfly farm, and an organic coffee plantation.
- Enjoy a free weekend in San Jose.
- Live with host families.
- The estimated trip cost is $2,300, but full-time students with a 2.5 GPA can receive an $1,150 grant from the Institute of International Studies.
- For more information, contact Dr. Dorothy Bay at 625-9612 or in RH-307, or Michael Kennedy at 625-9857 or in RH-312.

MARCHING ACROSS THE WORLD: FROM N

Jerry Manter/The Chart

Hundreds of protesters wait behind a police barricade for the anti-war protest march to begin. New York police officials sectioned off the large mass of people for crowd control for the more than 60,000 people who attended. Anti-war protests occurred in many countries around the world on the one-year anniversary of the U.S. war against Iraq.

BIG APPLE PROTEST

More than 60,000 people flood the streets of New York to voice opinion about the war

By Jerry Manter
Editor-in-Chief

Just because there are thousands of people near and around a place of business doesn't exactly mean there's going to be any record sales.

Take in point Pet Central, a small, but respected pet store on Madison Avenue in New York City. Walk just a few steps from the business, and there were thousands of people outside the front door.

But for these thousands of people, pet food was the last thing on anybody's mind.

"No one has come in yet," said Andreas Salgado, store employee. "People aren't able to come in."

On March 20, a year after President George W. Bush declared war on Iraq, more than 60,000 people gathered on and around Madison Avenue in Manhattan to protest the war. Last year, there were several spurts of erratic behavior and dozens were arrested. A handful of police officials were injured as well.

This year's protest, however, was much more peaceful. Four arrests were made during the day. Several hundred police officers were on hand to keep the march running smoothly. And, with a peaceful day, protesters were able to voice their opinions.

"I think it's an inspiration to see all the participation," said Max Kuo, 24-year-old volunteer with United For Peace, one of the largest organizations that made a presence during the day.

Kuo spent the afternoon collecting signatures for people interested in staying in touch and up to date with the organization.

"I'm here to keep the information circulating," he said.

Anne Hayes, New York City resident, brought her two children to the protest. The Hayes family was in the middle of Madison Avenue 30 minutes before the march began.

"I think it's important to set an example for my children," Hayes said. "Their voice counts too."

Her children are 5 and 8 years old and were some of the youngest protesters on the street.

"I wanted to show the kids that it's important to show your opinion," Hayes said.

Francis, Hayes' 8-year-old son, was holding an anti-war sign.

"We don't want war so people won't die," Francis said.

Judi Chang, staff employee with A.N.S.W.E.R, which stands for Act Now, Stop War, End Racism, was out on Madison Avenue preparing for the march at 7 a.m.

She set up a booth with shirts, hats and buttons to sell and raise money for her organization.

"As an American, I care what happens to our brothers and sisters around the world," Chang said.

Chang said helping to organizes the protest took a lot of work but thought the time was well spent. She's just hoping to make a difference.

"Our main goal is to bring people together and get them out on the street and work together," Chang said.

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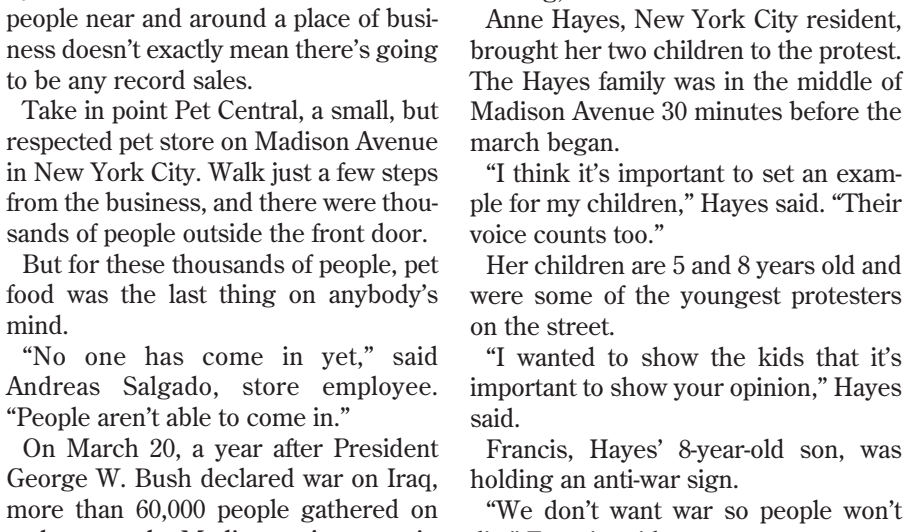
New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg visited Madison Avenue where the protest occurred. Protesters pleaded with the mayor to march. He declined the requests.



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A New York City police officer patrols Madison Avenue during the protests. Last year, dozens of people were arrested and several police officers were injured. This year, only four arrests were made, and no injuries were reported.

Jerry Manter/The Chart

Dozens of protesters dance to drums while heading down Madison Avenue in New York to protest the war in Iraq. Hundreds of organizations made a vocal presence during the day.

EXPATRIATES UNITE

Adam Fast/The Chart

Tony Paschall, second from the left, marches with other members of Americans Against the War-France on March 20 in Paris. The bandannas worn by the members symbolize the Bush Administration. Protesters believe the Bush Administration is gagged from telling the truth to the American people.

Anti-war protesters join together in Paris to voice opinion about Bush and the war

BY ADAM FAST
Staff Writer

Once the site of a political prison, the politics around the Bastille have changed to modern-day protests.

Approximately 2,500 people crowded near the site of the Bastille March 20 in Paris to peacefully protest the continued American occupation of Iraq, joined by others from around the world.

Americans Against the War-France organized the event, attended by many other groups that also feel strongly against the war.

AAW was founded in October 2002 and has approximately 200 members.

"When there's a big demonstration, there are people that know us, and they find us," said Mark Cramer, a founding member of AAW. "We've had as many as 400."

"In France, the custom is to participate with other groups that all organize together — you have human rights groups, civil rights groups, things like that."

The war on terror is a good thing, said Tony Paschall, a member of AAW.

"But, I've lived in different places in Paris for 20 years and three times within that period bombs have gone off within 400 meters of my home," he said.

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Bunny Kirchhoff, a participant in the AAW protest March 20, waits patiently for the march to continue on.

Adam Fast/The Chart

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Several AAW participants rally around their "Wanted: George Bush, War Criminal" sign, which was carried throughout the protest in the streets.

Adam Fast/The Chart

A participant in the Paris protest rode via skateboard to each telephone booth and bus stop on one side of the road to tag for peace. This particular tag reads "This world needs love."

Diversions

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.

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Hellboy, Home on the Range, The Prince and Me, and *Walking Tall* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

One Track Mind concert @ 9 p.m.
@ The Kitchen Pass in Neosho.

Southwest district Music Festival All Day
@ Webster Hall.

International Beerfest @ 6:30 p.m.
@ Springfield Brewing company.

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Glory Days "Live Music Cafe"
@ 8 p.m
@ Glory Days Music.

Tantric concert @ The Hurricane
in Kansas City.

Southwest District Music Festival all day in Webster Hall.

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Karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
@ Murphy's Irish Pub.

Copeland, The Jealous Sound and Switchfoot concert
@ The Granada Theatre in Lawrence, Kan.

5

BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

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Steriogram, The Format, Yellowcard and Something Corporate
@ The Beaumont Club
in Kansas City.

Jazz orchestra concert @ 7:30 p.m.
@ Webster Hall.

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General all-ages
extreme sports session
@ 3 p.m.
@ The Bridge.

Karaoke @ 10 p.m.
@ The Green Room.

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. @ 2nd floor Billingsly.

Yunjie Chen Piano concert @ 7:30 p.m.
@ Juanita K. Hammons Hall in Springfield.

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Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m.
@ Champ's Bar and Grill

Campus Crusade for Christ
@ 7:30 p.m.
@ the Student Life Center.

Tom Evans Carnival opens in Joplin Memorial Hall parking lot.

Weird News:

Pet owners get chance for copy cats

SAN FRANCISCO — Pet owners are being offered a second lease on life for their dying cats by the firm Genetic Savings and Clone for $50,000 per pet.

The firm announced its first cat clone in February 2002 and currently has plans to clone nine felines, six of which will be sold to the public, with three being kept to exhibit at cat shows.

http://www.abc.net.au

Oven gets hot, woman gets shot

SAN ANTONIO — A woman heating fish sticks was shot in the leg by a gun that had been stashed in her oven after heating the oven. A friend of the woman had hidden the .357 caliber handgun in the stove two weeks earlier without telling her after she told him no guns were allowed in her house.

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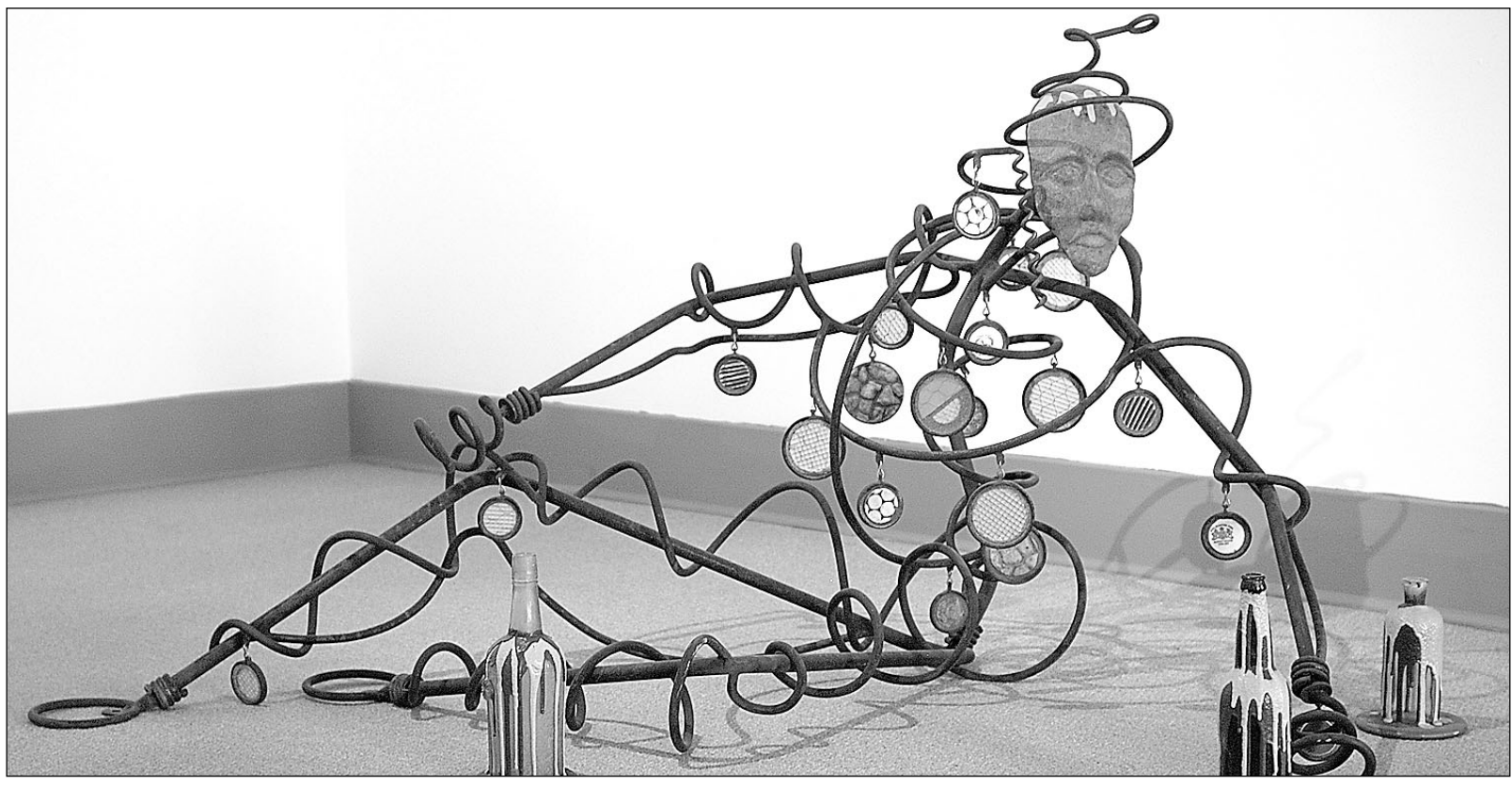

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Rhett Johnson, local artist, uses rejected everyday objects to give his sculptures life, like his "Marooned Figure" created from metal rebar.

Garage sale garbage garners artist attention

BY MELISSA DUNSON
Diversions Editor

In their skilled hands, ironing boards become dragons, doorknobs become feet and items like scissors, buttons and glass bottles show more diversity than ever before.

The current exhibit at George A. Spiva Center for the Arts, "A Confederacy of Objects: Art from Odds and Ends," demonstrates the adage "one man's trash is another man's treasure."

Four artists participate in the assemblage art showcase taking everyday, rejected objects and incorporating them in unconventional ways to create sculptural masterpieces.

"I've heard it called the art of 'juxtaposed stuff,'" said Jo Mueller, Spiva's executive director. "There are many people doing that (assemblage art) right now, and it's not confined to the United States at all."

One of the artists exhibiting, Roger Hines, a Tulsa native now residing in New York City, won first place in the 2003 Berlin International Assemblage Artists Exhibition with his work now being displayed at Spiva, "Rooms of the Mind #12."

Hines's works consist of molding and edging of old houses, chair legs and picture frames that create a box or "room" encased with glass. In these rooms are dismembered antique glass dolls with mechanical bodies floating against a backdrop of starry fabric. The images are saturated with small mechanical pieces and antique watch faces crawling up the sides of the rooms. Hines works almost exclusively with found materials to leave the viewer with the eerie feeling walking through an abandoned gothic mansion.

Hines explains the idea behind his "Rooms of the Mind" series in a written philosophy.

"Our mind is like a mansion that contains millions of 'rooms,' each one, a compilation described by our thoughts, dreams, emotions, ecstasies, angers and secrets of our deepest selves," Hines said. "There is so much that remains unseen. Until we unlock the door and look inside."

Judy Onofrio, from Minnesota, creates her vibrant, colorful, almost Latin American style pieces by carving figures of wood, then covering them with grout and decorating with glossy paint and small jewels and glass she found in various places. The results are ornate sculptures that seem reminiscent of Carmen Miranda in a dream sequence, holding bananas or fish.

"She (Onofrio) says she's been collecting junk all of her life," Mueller said.

Marve Dahmen, a Carl Junction artist, gives a showing with a large body of works displayed, all of which he created since January.

"He is a very prolific artist," Mueller said. "He seeks out things and goes to a lot of garage sales."

Dahmen's series of works, "Variations in Brass and Copper," incorporates resin thickly painted or dripped on the canvas along with old parts of antique scales and other small mechanical items like computer keys, all painted in layers of gold, silver and bronze. A favorite of Dahmen's works among viewers is "I'm Always on the Lookout for a Better Glue" because the mound of machine parts on the canvas appears to be dropping pieces onto the ground, actually taking the artwork past the canvas.

More space in the exhibit is dedicated to local artist Rhett Johnson from Dearborn, Mo. In the last several years, Johnson has excavated more than 300 old outhouse sites in Platt and Buchanan counties trying to uncover objects that still have something to say. The nature of his findings has undoubtedly influenced his works, which bear a strong Native American influence. Other times Johnson spends whole days visiting rummage sales trying to scrounge up something useful or interesting — a potential wing or tooth.

Johnson's most impressive piece is a tribute to the men and women who died in the 9-11 terrorist attacks. The piece is a life-sized body lying in the mummy position, wrapped with cloth and an American flag. Small, everyday artifacts and baubles decorate the body and are tied down with leather strings that hang to the ground. A tailor's measuring tape is wound around the body in such a way the nines and the 11s intersect.

Adam Fast/The Chart

Roger Hines' work "Rooms of the Mind #12" won first place at the 2003 Berlin International Assemblage Artists Exhibition.

The entire exhibit is a change of pace for Spiva a welcome one according to Mueller .

"It's very exciting," she said. "It induces a lot of smiles because it's very playful. You see things that might just look like a bunch of junk to you, and they pick it up, and then they put it with everything else into something amazing."

The exhibit runs through Sunday. Spiva's hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For information call 623-0183.

CAB considers Dr. Ruth to speak at later event about sex therapy

BY DAVID HAUT
Public Forum Editor

In their second meeting following spring break, Missouri Southern's Campus Activities Board discussed speakers for the upcoming semesters.

Dr. Ruth Westheimer, psychosexual therapist, was one of the possible speakers for next year's Healthy Relationships Week.

Another possibility is Morgan Spurlock, the filmmaker who put his body on the line by eating an all-McDonald's diet for a month. His documentary, *Supersize Me* has been compared to Michael Moore's *Bowling for Columbine*.

Jim Morris, the high-school science teacher who inspired the Walt Disney movie *The Rookie*, was another possibility.

Prospects named at Wednesday's meeting were Lance Armstrong, Scott Hamilton, Montel Williams and Dave Barry.

A prospect will be chosen based on cost and student interest. Students with ideas are encouraged to attend CAB.

Other ideas include a campus-wide debate. Suggested topics were gay marriage, the death penalty, gun control and pornography.

Terry Levy, junior criminal justice/pre-law major, suggested a yearbook to replace *Crossroads: The Magazine*. He plans to start a petition soon.

Darren Fullerton, director of campus recreation, announced the rec center survey is up and running.

Prizes will be awarded for participating in the survey and include a DVD player and two $50 gift certificates to the bookstore.

"The survey and the drawing are not linked together," Fullerton said.

"There is no way to connect [a student's] name to the survey."

The survey is available at www.facilityplanners.com/survey/mssu/rec.

Hunter "Patch" Adams, the controversial doctor whose story inspired a feature film, will be coming to the University April 19.

He will speak at 7 p.m., in the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. The lecture is free to the public.

CAB will sponsor a free showing of the film *Patch Adams* at 7 p.m., April 14 in the Lion's Den. Free pizza will be provided. The film will also be shown during the lunchtime hours in the Lion's Den a week prior to the lecture.

Students interested in CAB are invited to attend the weekly meetings at 2 p.m., Wednesdays in the student activities office on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

Funny Thing About Life...

DAVID HAUT
Public Forum Editor

I was trying to be a nice guy. I was sacrificing my very dignity for the sake of a woman. She wanted me to buy her tampons. What in life could be more humbling, or humiliating?

She told me what she wanted. I thought I could remember: it seemed simple enough. Besides, if I wrote it down it could potentially be some evidence I did this.

I had no idea how complex these products are. I had made a conscious effort to stay away from that aisle my entire life.

There I stood. I had never seen so many pastel-colored boxes before. They have extra-thin and dry weave. Some have cardboard, others are plastic, a few have pearl. There are dailies, super, extra-super, extra-thin, extra-wide, lites, super-lites, ultra-lites and mid-nites.

There are big ones and small ones. Some look like diapers, some look like Dr. Scholl's. Some have wings, others just glide.

They have Kotex, Playtex, Tampax, Brand-x. Boxes are pink, blue, yellow, purple. They don't have a regular or normal. One option is everyday protection. Who wants to be 'protected' some of the time? They come with more options than my Honda.

Some are designed for comfort, although, I

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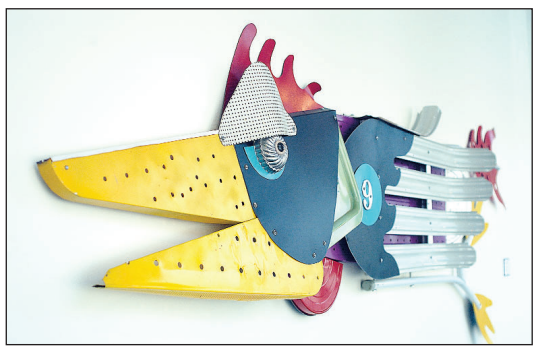
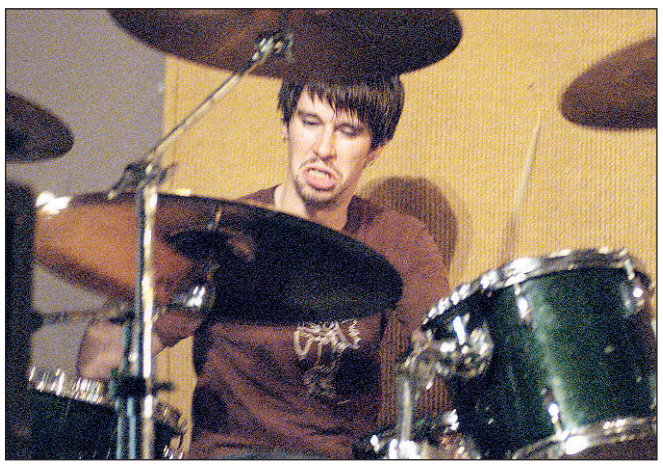
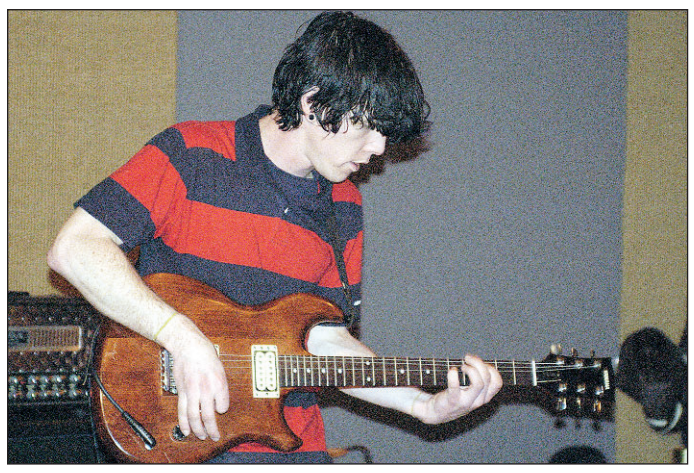


The current exhibit at George A. Spiva Center for the Arts focuses on artwork created from "found" objects. For information, read the story on page 8A.





'Twilight to Starlight

Adam Fast/The Chart

David Jamison, above left, intensely beats the drums, Matt Scally focuses on his electric guitar, Ivan Medrano delivers a bass line and Ty Fansler, above, sings and screams passionate vocals during the band's debut performance at Dioko Coffee Company Feb. 21. Twilight Choir is modeled after the members' favorite band, At The Drive In.

Twilight Choir refuses to fade into the night

By David Haut
Public Forum Editor

They took the stage.

Within seconds of their introduction, the musicians transformed from lifeless statues into a jumping, screaming adrenaline-filled stage show.

"Even if you don't like our music, it's still fun to watch," said Ty Fansler, 21, Miami, the front man for Twilight Choir. "We put on a show."

Twilight Choir made its stage debut at Dioko Coffee Company, with more than 200 people in attendance.

Fansler screamed and jumped, his body convulsed with raw emotion, his facial features disguised behind his long, dark hair. Blood drips slowly from his nose, he doesn't know the reason, but he's oblivious. His focus is on the music.

Drummer David Jamison, 22, Miami, beat swiftly on his drums, never missing a beat, perfectly in sync with his cohorts.

Matt Scally, 22, Miami, blasted his guitar while maintaining a cool confidence, his actions became more and more intense with every chord he played.

"We come together very well," said bass player Ivan Medrano, 21, Miami.

Medrano arrived just three days prior to the Dioko performance.

Molded after its favorite band, At the Drive-In, Twilight Choir sings, shouts and screams to a beat not familiar to the serene coffee shop environment.

The band originated in Miami, Fla., playing under the name Jen Dark. Fansler, an Oklahoma native, joined the band a year ago.

After conflicts within the band, Fansler decided to return home, with or without the other members of Jen Dark.

"Ty was like, 'I'm going back. If you guys want to come too, that's fine,'" Medrano said. "We said, 'okay.'"

The band made the move, ironically from Miami, Fla., to Miami, Okla. Fansler returned last summer, followed by Scally in August and Jamison in October.

Currently, the band plans to play as many venues as possible.

"We want to make an impact," Medrano said. "That's my goal."

> *"Even if you don't like our music, it's still fun to watch."*
>
> **Ty Fansler**
> *Lead Singer of Local Band Twilight Choir*

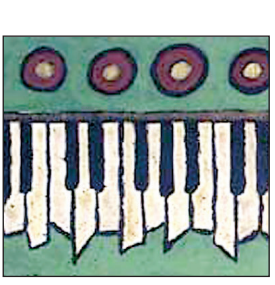
They would like to tour with a large band but plan to start small.

In the next two months, the band plans to have merchandise available and record a demo.

Twilight Choir's next show is 7 p.m. Saturday at East Newton High School. The band will play at 7 p.m. April 17, at the URT-Rock Venue in Joplin. and then they will appear April 24 at the Cesspool. All three shows came from word of mouth following their Dioko debut.

Screams and yells echoed as the band stopped playing, each of the performers drained. Their instruments silent, Fansler's microphone lay on the ground, disconnected from its power source and dented from the chaos on stage. They were all out of breath.

As the lights and instruments faded on their debut performance, the band felt this was only the beginning of their musical careers, the dawn of Twilight Choir.



Cursive's new album is delightfully diverse rock

Review Corner

Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

And now for something completely different.

I know what you are all thinking: oh no, another screamo band. Wrong. In *The Ugly Organ*, Cursive has created a mature piece of melding genius, masterfully mixing classical string elements with cutting edge indie-rock emo-hardcore and the occasional classic rock element.

In a year that has musically just seen more of the same, Cursive is a breath of fresh air. The most welcome change of pace comes in the form of a cello played by Gretta Cohn. Cohn's skillful plucking is largely responsible for the "fire in your bones" intensity the band achieves without excessive screaming or ear shredding guitars. Unlike the predictable scream, sing, scream rhythm of traditional screamo, this album follows more of a rising and falling sound led by frontman Tim Kasher's raspy staccato vocals rather than driving guitars.

The songs average around less than two minutes, but so much is fit into so little time. One second they sound like The Cure, the next Fugazi or Red Animal War. The element of classic punk are unmistakable in the simple but rich layers.

Lyrically, Kasher is a purist minimalist who whole-heartedly admits to focusing more on the music as shown by his intricate and prolifent use of instrumental intros. The words he does choose are darkly satirical and political, focusing with disconcerting morbidity on what is wrong with our society. The songs are deeply personal to Kasher as well, drawing lyrics from his divorce and recuperation from a collapsed lung.

This album is cool enough to maintain your deep seeded belief that yes, you are hardcore, while feeling sophisticated and more like a grown up. But don't make the mistake of assuming this album is for your parents. Cursive's melodiously discordant caucaphony rocks harder than any Limp Bizkit/Linkin Park cookie cutter band in our CD player right now. These guys have it if anyone ever has.

The result is a tight (if too short) album that wets your appetite and leaves you wanting more, or at the very least, compels you to push play again. Pick up this album if you want something different and a little more mature, while still giving your speakers a work-out.

Special to The Chart

Members of the band Cursive produce a mature piece of music in their latest album *The Ugly Organ*.

FUNNY:

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don't see how someone could be comfortable in anything like that.

The lady working in the department kept walking past the aisle, each time looking in at me, probably hoping I would leave.

I chose a box (ones that were super-mega-ultra and had an "X" in the title) and took it up to the counter.

I tried my best to hide the box of feminine products I was carrying while walking down the main aisle of Wal-Mart.

The guy in front of me was cashing his paycheck. There I was, standing at the checkout at Wal-Mart in front of a counter with a big box of Playtex in the middle. Everyone walking in could see. That box did not provide ME with the extreme protection it promised on the front of the box.

After all that, I wasn't even close.

Guys, this is probably an experience you probably want to miss. Believe me.

I don't think a single guy is comfortable doing what I did.

All the Tampax in the world can't make you feel secure enough.

David Haut, Public Forum Editor, writes a weekly humor column for The Chart. *His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of* The Chart *staff members.*

BOARD:

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"I've seen how the French deal with terrorism, whether it's right-wing extremist terrorism or left-wing extremist terrorism, and I know that the approach Bush is taking is not the right one."

Cramer agrees the war on terror is noble but believes it has been taken the wrong way by the American government.

"You also have to think that the Europeans have been fighting terror long before the Americans," he said. "The Europeans should have been consulted on this because you have to think, 'is it the right thing to do bombs?'"

He also compares the terrorism problem with the mafia that was prevalent in the 1930s-1950s.

"Do we go bomb Sicily because the mafia was coming from Sicily?" Cramer said. "They stopped it (the mafia) by the IRS — they found some smart way of doing it, and now we don't have to deal with the mafia anymore."

Cramer also points out every type of terrorism is different, so you must put together the best plan for protection as to avoid killing people who have nothing to do with terrorism.

The group focused on the idea of "no more lies" for the march. Many members wore bandanna "gags" symbolic of the fact they believe President George W. Bush's administration is gagged when it comes to speaking truth.

"The main lie is that the war was justified because there were weapons of mass destruction," Cramer said. "We've heard from Scott Ritter who was the head investigator from Iraq — we had him as a guest speaker — so we knew in advance they were not going to find much if anything of weapons of mass destruction.

There was plenty of evidence that there was none. The second [lie] was that Iraq had something to do with terrorism, with Sept. 11."

Cramer said the second lie was Iraq had something to do with the 9-11 terrorism.

"They knew they were lying because they didn't actually say it strait out," he said. "Whenever they had a sentence talking about 9-11, they would always mention Saddam Hussein in the same sentence. They didn't really say that he did it, but if people are listening and they constantly hear it, it's an old public relations trick."

Protests can be quite common in the United States, but also in France, Paschall said.

"The French love us and we like being out with the French," he said. "We get a lot of positive response from American visitors here so we just want to make it known that there are American's who oppose Bush's illegal war."

Paschall sees no difference in his attitude toward protest, be it in France or the United States.

"But I do think it would be better if we were doing this protest in the States instead of here," Cramer said.

"France is a very free country; we have no problem in France."

Tamzin Jans, another member of AAW France, said France is "a very tolerable country" where protests are concerned.

"France is absolutely the kind of place where protest and dissent is perfectly accepted — you can even go in a pub and talk to people who have a difference in opinion and no one's going to stop you or beat you up because you have a difference of opinion, which can happen in other places," she said.

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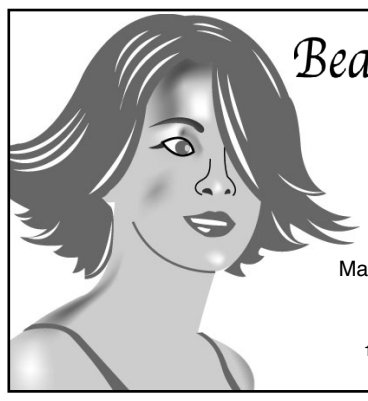

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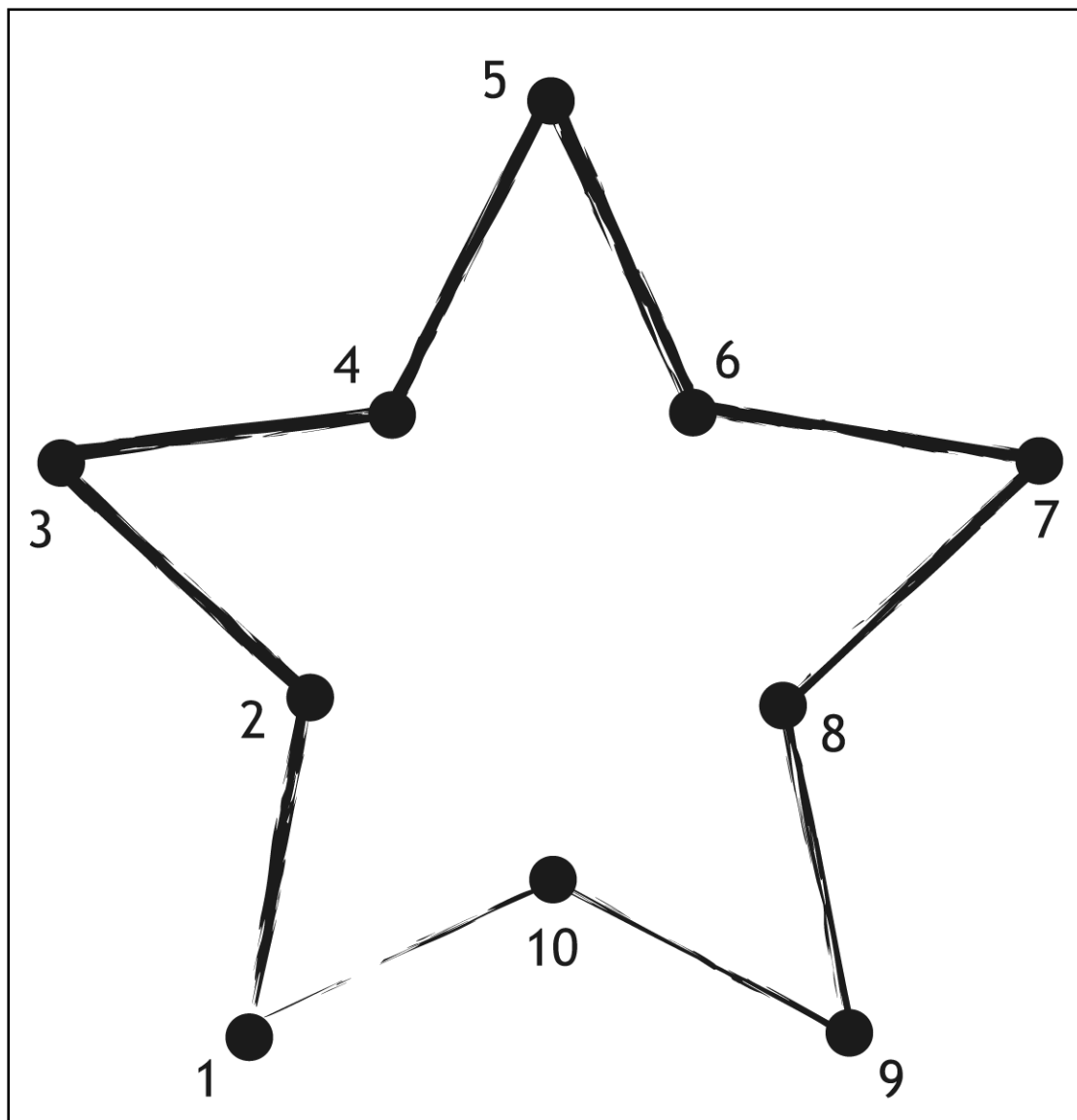

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Assembly addresses gay rights

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

Jefferson City, Mo. - Lesley Proud and Sally Nelson were wed Saturday, March 27 at the Elliot Unitarian Chapel in Kirkwood, Mo. Their marriage has sparked new controversy in the Missouri House of Representatives. Under Missouri law, Proud and Nelson cannot marry because they are both women.

Now, legislators believe a law is not good enough. They want it in the Missouri Constitution.

House Bill 39 states that marriage in the state of Missouri will consist only of the union of a man and a woman, and no license to marry shall be issued except to a man and a woman. Marriage between persons of the same sex, and full faith and credit of such marital status entered into in another state, shall not be recognized as marriage.

Rep. Richard Byrd
(R-Kirkwood0

Rep. Kevin Engler (R-Farmington) introduced an amendment March 31 that would create greater definition for civil unions recognized in the state of Missouri.

His amendment was questioned as to whether it would take away the rights of couples who had entered into common law marriages in Arkansas and Illinois.

Engler's amendment was later amended to include common law marriages.

The new amendment included wording intended to better define what kind of marriage Missouri will recognize.

Under the new amendment, no union between persons of the same sex will be recognized as a legal union in the state of Missouri.

This comes after the increased number of states who, while not approving marriage between persons of the same sex, were willing to recognize civil unions.

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Opponent of the bill, Rep. Barbara Wall Fraser (D-St. Louis), questioned Engler about his view on civil unions.

"Is it your intent to ban civil unions?" Fraser said.

"It is my intent not to recognize them at all," Engler said.

Rep. Philip Willoughby (D-Gladstone) questioned Rep. Richard Byrd (R-Kirkwood0) about the weekend wedding.

"Did you know about the wedding?" Willoughby said.

"Yes, it was in my county," Byrd said.

"Did you attend Rep. Byrd?" Willoughby said.

Byrd said he did not attend the wedding and that the union did not matter because the couple was unable to get a marriage license.

"A minister conducts nothing," Byrd said.

"He is just a witness. It is just fluff, it is not relevant to the legal act of marriage."

The house has yet to make a final decision on the bill.

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Michael Cavener, junior secondary education major, Jenni Sexton, junior political science major, and Earl Garrett, junior polictical science major, debate current events while at Jefferson City.

Class visits legislature

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

Jefferson City, Mo. — Annetta St. Clair, associate professor of political science, teaches Legislative Process, and on March 29, her students were able to see exactly what she was talking about.

All semester, legislative process students have been researching a senator and a representative. The trip to the Capitol allowed students to meet their research project in person, as well as look for more information for their projects.

"I find it remarkable how they make order out of chaos," said Mica Henry, senior political science major.

Henry had the opportunity to interview Sen. Harold Caskey (D-Butler). He was impressed with the knowledge the senator had on education and the amount of studies he had done.

"He handed me this book and said this is everything you need to know," Henry said.

Other students found the trip gave them more insight into who actually runs for office.

"I used to think just anybody could do this," said Brendan Walker, senior political science major. "But now I understand why a lot these guys are lawyers and insurance agents. It helps if you already understand the process and know the jargon."

One student found out politicians were not as bad as she thought.

"I used to think that politicians were all corrupt," said Jenni Sexton, junior political science major. "This is life and politics is only as corrupt as your own personal life."

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Annetta St. Clair, associate professor of political science, jokes with Vince Himmelsbach, junior history major, and Lisa Keele, junior secondary education major, during the Legislative Process class trip to the Capitol.

While researching their politicians, some found bills that they could stand behind.

"Sen. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia) wants to introduce a bill that would get rid of term limits," said Earl Garrett, junior political science major. "I'm personally against term limits."

Garrett also researched Rep. Bryan Pratt (R-Blue Springs), and the bill he is working on would define cloning.

"While most people agree that human cloning is wrong, there are mixed views on other aspects to all human cloning, like stem cell research," Garrett said.

While at the Capitol, the students were able to sit in on the current session. Mike Cavener, junior secondary education major, was interested in House Bill 35 that was getting ready to be discussed.

"This bill is setting a moral standard," Cavener said. "If you allow same-sex marriage, what is there to prevent two brothers from getting married?"

After spending time in Sen. Gary Nodler's (R-Joplin) office, the Democratic and Republican headquarters and the whispering room at the Capitol, St. Clair's students returned home to finish work on their research projects.

House adopts new fishing, hunting bill

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

Jefferson City, Mo. — This November Missourians will be asked to decide what kind of limitations they want placed on hunting, fishing and logging in Missouri.

The House of Representatives voted to pass House Bill 35, requiring a two-thirds majority vote on initiative proposals relating to the opportunity to harvest bird, fish, game, wildlife or forestry resources. This will not apply to the amendment or repeal of sales tax for conservation purposes pursuant to Section 439(a) of Article IV of the Missouri Constitution.

Opponents to the bill point out the fact that never before has a constitutional amendment required a two-thirds majority vote. The question of whether or not fishing deserves to be a constitutional amendment was another question raised by the opposition.

Rep. Vicky Wilson
(D-Columbia)

"Should it be a constitutional amendment to protect fishing, hunting and logging," said Rep. Vicky Wilson (D-Columbia). "Fishing is not a civil right."

Under the bill, the Missouri Department of Conservation would be exempt from the two-thirds vote.

The conservation department would continue to receive one-eighth of all sales taxes.

"Why is there such a fear or paranoia of outside groups being involved, unless the makers of the bill have ulterior motives," Wilson said.

Proponents of the bill documented the rich history of fishing and hunting in Missouri and the need for the continued support of the state to ensure the rights of fishers and hunters.

Rep. Bryan Stevenson (R-Webb City) did agree that the Missouri Department of Conservation was well funded. He said the Missouri conservation department was set up to be partly independent, but like all state agencies it is still under the legislative authority.

He supported the bill, stating fishing and hunting is part of Missouri's heritage and promotes strong families. Stevenson believes hunting and fishing also manages wildlife.

Rep. Bryan Stevenson
(R-Webb City)

"We need to preserve our heritage and prevent outside groups with money and mounting corporate ad campaigns from coming in and pushing a change that would interfere with a historic tradition," Stevenson said.

He also said that the two-thirds majority vote refers to the initial proposal voting on the bill.

Like with any other constitutional amendment, HB 35 will require a 50-percent plus one vote in the November election.

House draws party lines over gay unions

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

Jefferson City, Mo. — On March 31 the House of Representatives debated House Bill 39, which could possibly prevent same-sex couples from joining in marriage or civil unions.

The bill as well as the issue of gay marriage has caused representatives to draw party lines. Proponents of the bill cite that it is necessary to preserve the sanctity of marriage.

They attribute a homosexual life style with immorality.

Opponents of the bill believe it is a violation of the Constitution of the United States.

"Usually bills are created that would expand the rights of citizens," said Rep. Rick Johnson (D-High Ridge). "This bill takes rights away. Not since prohibition has this happened and you know what happened there."

Rep. Vicky Wilson (D-Columbia) said that it was not too long ago that women were not allowed to vote.

"People thought the country would go to hell in a hand basket if women were given the right to vote," Wilson said.

She went on to say that she did not see how the bill could help or hurt marriage. In the early part of Missouri's history women did not marry out of love but because of wealth and land. Women had no say.

According to Wilson last year 40,000 Missourians were married and 22,000 were divorced.

"What happens if a person has a sex change?" "Do we go back and say, No you used to be a boy?" said Rep. Melba Curls (D-Kansas City).

"We all have to surrender a portion of our rights for the greater good," said Rep. Bryan Stevenson (R-Webb City).

He said the state discriminates against drunk drivers and murderers. Stevenson believed outlawing same-sex marriage would better the structure of society.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Cottey Trustees name new college president

The Cottey College Board of Trustees and the Presidential Search Advisory Committee announced the appointment of Judy Robinson Rogers, Ph.D. to the position of the college's 11th president.

Rogers has served as the vice president for leadership and ethics at Georgetown College, Georgetown since July 1997. Rogers will begin her new position as president July 1.

Truman State heads to championship

The Truman State University Academic Competition Organization won the Regional College Bowl Incorporated tournament Feb. 21 at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield. Truman defeated 11 different teams from the Midwest.

The team has now qualified for the College Bowl National Championship Tournament April 23–25 at Auburn University in Montgomery.

Former Saint Louis president dead at 82

Former Saint Louis University President Thomas R. Fitzgerald, S.J., passed away March 22, at the Wolfington Jesuit Residence at Georgetown University. Fitzgerald was 82.

He served as president from 1979 until 1987.

Fitzgerald is credited with the creation of the foundation for the renaissance SLU is experiencing today.

Fitzgerald's wake was held March 24, in the Dahlgren Chapel at Georgetown, followed by a Mass and burial service.

Southeast Missouri receives extension

After two successful programs, the Harrison College of Business at Southeast Missouri State University has been granted a two-year extension of its license to run educational programs in Cuba. Its third visit to the "forbidden" country started March 31 for approximately eight days.

While the federal government has been reducing the number of licenses awarded, Southeast was among a select group of universities to achieve the honor of a two-year license extension.

SMSU hosts lecture on terrorism update

Southwest Missouri State University will host a Public Affairs Lecture Series on Terrorism throughout April. The four-lecture series will highlight keynote speakers from the United States and several Muslim countries to provide an update on the war on terrorism.

All events are free and open to the public. For information, call Dr. Mehrdad Haghayeghi at 417-836-5038.

UM studies effects of tanning on women

Studies by Jamie Arndt, assistant professor of psychology at MU, MU doctoral student, Clay Routledge, and Jamie Goldenberg, assistant professor at the University of California-Davis, conducted a study that indicates women expressed intentions to cease tanning only when they focused their concerns on death.

Interest in tanning increased when women were exposed to media images of tanned individuals.

Their combined studies, A Time to Tan: Proximal and Distal Effects of Mortality Salience on Sun Exposure Intentions, will be published in the upcoming issue of *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

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COUNCIL:

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West, Guy Palmieri and John Phillips.

Harrington said West is "obviously a strong candidate" for the seats since he is seeking his third term.

West said having several candidates is what democracy is all about.

"I support anyone running for City Council," West said.

Palmieri is a retired general who has lived in Joplin for 10-12 years, Harrington said.

"He (Palmieri) seems to be a very competent gentleman," Harrington said.

He said Phillips is a construction electrician who works with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 95. He has lived in Joplin for 30 years.The election will be Tuesday.

ACCIDENT:

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Kent Boyd, public information manager for Missouri Department of transportation, said there will probably be no change in that intersection because there are not enough car accidents to assess the traffic.

"We haven't been asked by the City of Joplin or the University to look at that intersection," Boyd said.

Boyd said the accidents that occur at that intersection are called fender benders and "those usually don't rise to the top of our list."

"We look at every fatal accident to determine change," Boyd said.

"Sometimes the public may think that a certain intersection is a problem and MODOT may perceive it as no problem. It all boils down to statistics."

In agreement with MODOT, Safety and Security thinks that the accidents at that intersection have not posed a threat or a major problem.

Ken Kennedy, manager of public safety and security, said he realizes there have been a few accidents but changing that intersection is in the jurisdiction of MODOT.

"I would say there are two or less car accidents a year at the Southern View Drive and Newman Road intersection," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said the number of accidents would affect the decision to make a change for that intersection.

"Having the new stop light signal put in at the crosswalk has made some difference," Kennedy said.

Highway 249 is being completed and Boyd said he would not be surprised if Newman experienced more traffic because of this.

"If that problem occurs then a traffic engineer would come out and study Newman Road for a few days and then a decision would be made accordingly," Boyd said.

Boyd said if the need for change is in question, he is not sure what it would be, but it is unlikely it would be a median because they seem to be very unpopular to business and for people's convenience.

As for now, there have been no recommendations of change involving the Southern View Drive and Newman Road intersection.

"If people would be more cautious this may reduce the car accidents," Kennedy said.

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SHOW:

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are," Surber said. "So, we're trying to change that. We're trying to raise the awareness, that we're now a University. We're trying to demonstrate that we have a number of new programs that are raising the elevation, trying to step up to the University status."

The infomercial is broken up into four sections that deal with the small class size, the personal attention resulting from the small classes, the international mission, graduate successes and the cost/value of Southern. Several students were interviewed for the infomercial along with some alumni. Surber said the students were, kind of, chosen at random.

"[It was] somewhat random, but with the international mission, we wanted to pick students with international experience," he said. "We picked students we were aware of who had good jobs in the area, in result of their education here. Contact with faculty members and so forth was a big part of it, and any recommendations they would have of students that would go to their classes and various issues."

Between the sections of the infomercial, there are some 30-second commercials shown that highlight new programs, such as the Bioinfomatics and the Crime Scene Investigation programs, as well as the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition.

Surber said he has received positive comments from some faculty members of Northwest Arkansas Community College.

"Their president saw it and was very impressed with it," Surber said. "Already I have heard some really favorable comments from people who have seen it."

Students at Southern have mixed feelings about the commercials. One student who saw it said the infomercial could be better.

"It's just the same one we had for the college, but they changed it from college to University," said Jay Herbert, junior biology major.

Another student said she had not seen the infomercial, but believes it is a good idea in recruiting students, but has her reservations about it.

"It might be beneficial, but I think if the kids had more money they would go to a different college," said Kim Bastin, junior secondary education major.

Skaggs said the infomercial is a better way to reach students, because the University just sends out material that is on paper.

"It's a unique format and is a more visual announcement of the name change," he said.

The infomercial is only being seen in the immediate area, with no plans being made to take outside of the area.

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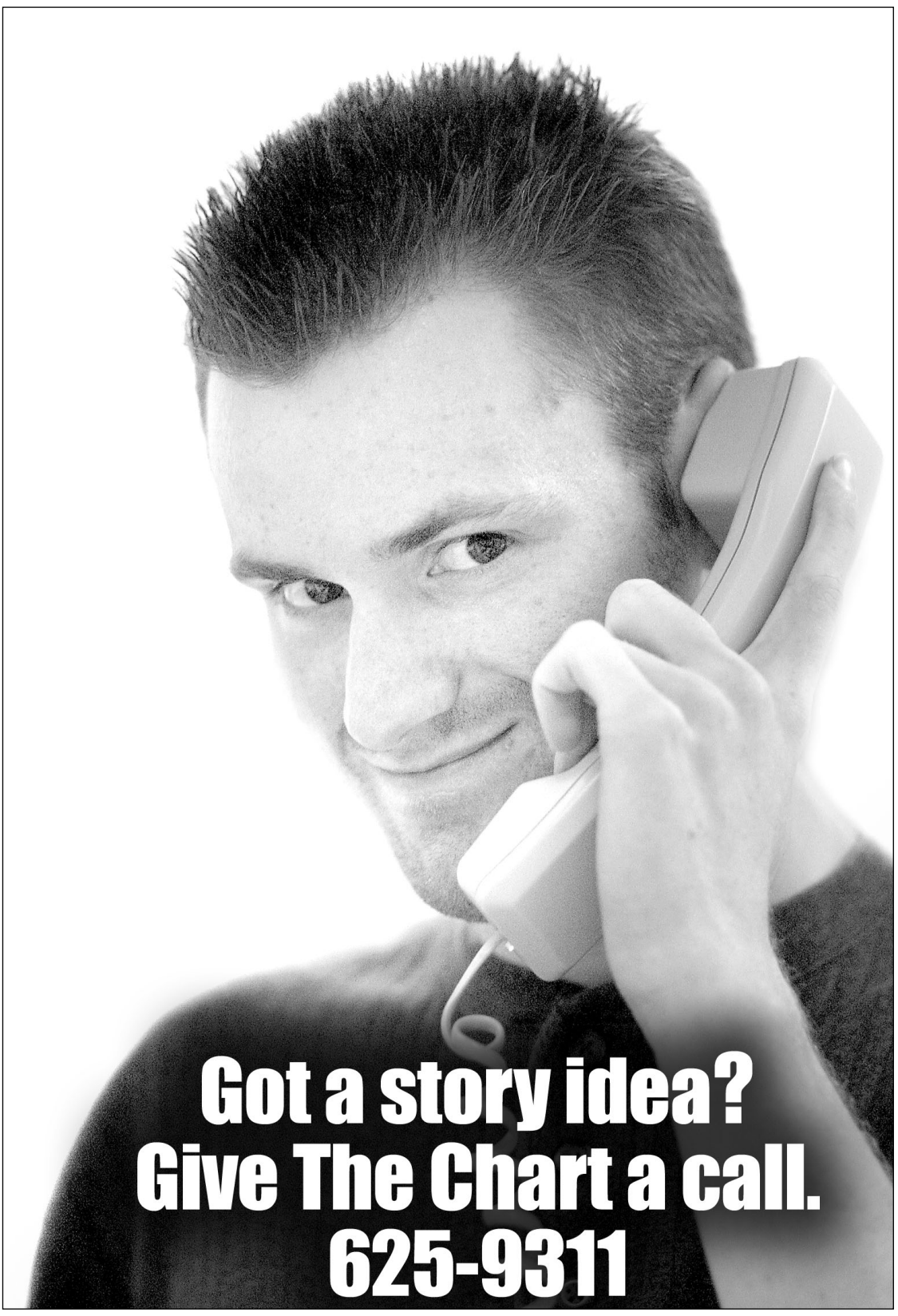

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Redmond's heart proves his abilities

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

Heart. It's a word that is almost synonymous with Darrell Redmond in the Lions basketball program.

Despite being 6-foot-5, 210 pounds, many thought he played beyond the scope of his size.

"From a size standpoint, he was overmatched every time he took the court," said Robert Corn, head coach. "But because he plays with a big heart and because of how hard he plays, how smart he plays and the physical toughness that he puts on the floor, he was a positive force in the middle for us."

Next year, the Lions will be without Redmond for the first time in two years. His absence is something many of them are not looking forward to.

"You don't replace a person of Darrell Redmond's heart," Corn said. "He is a guy who came to work every day."

"Putting on that uniform, you feel like a totally different person."

Darrell Redmond
Senior Criminal Justice Administration Major

Many believe Redmond's leadership abilities will be missed just as much, if not more than, his playing ability.

"His leadership was a key to our 14 wins this year," said Caleb Engelken, junior forward. "You never have to worry about him slacking off. Darrell is a leader by example."

Despite starting 25 games and averaging just over nine points per game this season, Redmond believes this season was the biggest trial he faced as a Lion. Southern lost its last six games and eight of its last 10 games to finish out the season.

"I'd never had a season like that before," Redmond said. "I'm used to winning. So, that was one of the biggest challenges that I have faced."

After graduation, Redmond hopes to work with children, giving back to the community.

"I came from a bad place," Redmond said. "I want to give other kids a chance to better themselves."

One of the things Redmond said he will miss the most about being a Lion is suiting up for games and being a part of the team.

"Putting on that uniform, you feel like a totally different person," Redmond said. "You feel like a part of the school, not just a student in the classroom."

File Photo

Darrell Redmond, senior criminal justice administration major, takes aim for a shot at a basketball game during the past season. The team will be without Redmond next season.

Three Lions come away with All-American Honors

Indoor track and field teams place 16th, 38th at national meet

BY JEREMIAH COOK
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On Friday and Saturday, March 12-13, the Missouri Southern Lions men's and women's indoor track and field teams were represented in the NCAA Division II indoor track and field championship meet, in Boston.

The Lions sent three competitors each from both squads to compete in the meet, three of whom would finish with All-American Honors.

Throwers Arley Smith, senior and Danee Jones, junior; pole vaulters Chris Turner, junior, and Matt Campbell, sophomore; sprinter Mary Still, senior, and high jumper Sara Mueller, sophomore, made the trip for the Lions, with Smith, Turner and Still coming away with All-American awards.

All-American status is given to those athletes that finish in the top eight in their field of competition.

Still ran the fastest time both days in the 400-meter event on March 12 in the preliminary rounds, and finished seventh in the nation.

Mueller finished ninth out of 13 in the high jump.

"We had some good luck and some bad luck," said Patty Vavra, women's head coach.

"Unfortunately, at that level, it's hard to get it back when it comes to a missed opportunity."

The Lions are quick to point out all of the athletes involved in the national meet worked hard to achieve their goals.

"Those are three young ladies that worked hard to get where they are at," Vavra said.

"They really had a great indoor season."

"These guys did well and had a great year," said Tom Rutledge, men's head coach.

"A lot of great things happened for us in the indoor season."

Smith went into the competition ranked sixth in the nation, and finished the two day meet ranked fourth.

"It was quite an honor to go to nationals," Smith said.

"Going in I was ranked sixth, and the level of competition was very high. Even though I threw two feet under my best mark, I moved up two places, so I'm happy with it."

Meanwhile, Turner finished in second place in the pole vault.

The men's team finished the meet ranked 16th, giving them a top-20 finish in each of the last six years, and the women's team finished the meet tied with three other teams for 38th in the top 40, of all Division II schools in the country.

LION STATS

Baseball

March 31 Results —Game 1

PSU (5)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI
Walters	4	2	1	1
Manns	4	0	2	1
Smith	5	1	2	2
Burke	4	0	0	0
Ahlers	4	0	1	0
Schultz	4	0	3	1
Schulte	4	0	1	0
Hudson	4	1	2	0
Oldaker	2	1	0	0
Stroud	0	0	0	0
Wright	0	0	0	0

MSSU (6)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI
Velliquette	3	1	1	0
Schiller	4	1	1	1
Hughes	3	2	1	2
Taylor	4	1	1	0
J. Lawver	2	0	2	1
Molden	2	0	0	0
Hergenrother	1	0	0	1
Cupp	1	0	0	0
L. Lawver	3	0	0	0
Bronson	3	0	0	0
Brown	1	0	0	0
Catanzaro	1	1	1	0
Lallemand	1	0	1	0
Rogers	0	0	0	0
Batesr	0	0	0	0

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Rare Find

Athlete humble after winning track honor

BY RUSS HAGERMAN
Sports Editor

Personal decisions can sometimes lead a person right back to where they were trying to leave.

For Mary Still, senior, psychology and English major, her decision to stay in the area paid big dividends. She became a track star and wife.

Still attended Carthage High School as a junior and senior, moving from Dubuque, Iowa. After a talk with her boyfriend, Still decided to stay in the area and attend Missouri Southern.

"I wasn't considering Southern at first," she said. "It was too close to home."

Her family lives in Carthage and includes her father Kevin Robbins, her mother Julie, two younger sisters Sara and Felicia and one younger brother Chad.

On May 27 through 29, Still will participate in the NCAA Division II Championships in Pomona, Calf.

She is looking to attend graduate school to further the career she has chosen. Still plans on a career in cognitive psychology and will eventually work her way to a Ph.D.

Still has looked at several schools including Iowa State University, Kansas State University and Purdue University.

"I am looking to be a researcher with an emphasis in memory processes," Still said.

Still said she doesn't know if she will work in academia or in the private sector. There are still some things she wants to do.

"I would like to travel, visit big cities," Stills said.

Still was recently named the regional athlete of the year by the United States Track Coaches Association.

"She is the type that you hope comes by often in your coaching career, but is really quite rare," said Patty Vavra, head coach.

Although Still is involved in campus activities and attends conferences, she did find time to get married last summer. Her husband Jeremiah Still is a senior psychology major and an assistant men's track coach.

"Mary is extremely helpful and humble," Vavra said. "We will without a doubt miss her when she leaves, not just as an athlete, but as a person as well."

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Mary Still, senior psychology and English major, looks forward to graduate school and travel. Still was recently named athlete of the year by the United States Track Coaches Association.

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Second baseman Brett Velliquette throws for a double play to send both Pitt State players back to the dugout. Southern won the game 6-5.

Lions defeat Pitt State, regain pride after losing 5

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Pittsburg State Gorillas fell to the Lions in double header.

Missouri Southern hosted Pittsburg State University at Joe Becker Stadium March 31 to a double header.

The Lions won both games 6-5.

In the first game, the Lions pulled out a five-run sixth inning to force the game in extra innings before the winning run was balked in.

The second game called for Brett Molden's game-winning base hit after the Lions had two hits and a walk in the bottom of the seventh.

The Lions play Northwest Missouri State University Friday and Saturday and Southwest Baptist University Tuesday.

All three games will be at Joe Becker Stadium.

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Kyle knight pitches to Pitt State in a double-header. Southern won both games 6-5.

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